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Inventor(s) Van Gompel et al.			
Title of Invention REFASTENABLE ABSORBENT GARMENT AND METHOD FOR ASSEMBLY THEREOF			

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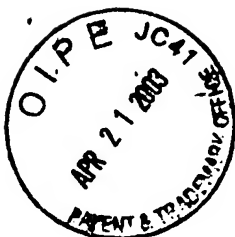
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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by

the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	DATE	COUNTRY
WO 98/37847	9/1998	PCT
WO 01/87204 A1	11/2001	PCT
WO 01/87207 A1	11/2001	PCT

OTHER DOCUMENTS

1. International Search Report for PCT Patent Application PCT/US02/39559, filed December 10, 2002

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

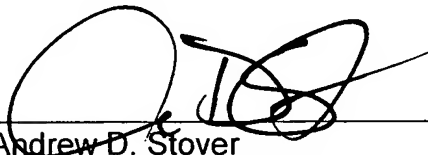
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Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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	D2 WO 01/87204 A1	11/2001	PCT		
	D3 WO 01/87207 A1	11/2001	PCT		

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	D4 International Search Report for PCT Patent Application PCT/US02/39559, filed December 10, 2002

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